

Praise Mom with a poem

Celebrate your mother with a poem and win a prize for her courtesy of the Observer Newspapers. We're inviting our young readers, 18 and under, to submit a poem in praise of their mother. The poem can take any form from haiku to sonnet to free verse. A panel of judges will select their favorite. Seven winning poets will win a gift for mom. The prizes include an 11- by 14-inch portrait for up to 14 people from Focal Point Photography in Farmington and Canton (sitting fee is included), \$100 gift certificate to Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth Township, \$100 gift certificate to Antonio's Italian Cucina in Farmington Hills, \$100 gift certificate to Sandtraps in Livonia, and more.

We'll publish the winning entry and other entries on Mother's Day. Entries are due to The Observer by Monday, May 6.

Send entries to Mother's Day Contest, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax to (734)591-7279 or e-mail to ngallagher@oec.homecomm.net.



Around the bend: This shows a line of trolley track curving near what is now the Winery building on Grand River near Orchard Lake Road.

Tracking history

Construction unearths old trolley line

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For Brinn Golden, the hunk of slotted guard rail unearthed by construction crews on Farmington Road came as no surprise.

A trolley historian with volumes of

memorabilia, scale models and a book (*Farmington Junction: A trolley history*) to his credit, Golden already knew that trolley lines crossed the intersection of Grand River and Farmington Road in the early 20th century.

"I got a phone call Saturday before, last from my friend and compatriot

Marilyn Smith," he recalled. "She said she and her husband were walking down Farmington Road and saw the tracks. We knew it had something to do with the Interurban."

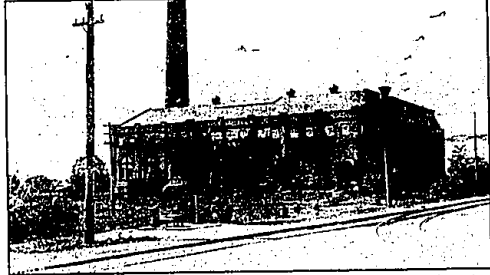
The guard rail, which consists of two rails welded together to form a slot for the trolley wheels, crossed over Farmington Road pre-1920s, he said. Because the intersection was too sharp for a 60-60 foot long trolley car to navigate, track was erected off Grand River and circled around behind the Farmington Enterprise office to what was then Gildemeister's Flour Mill.

"The flour mill was smart enough to negotiate a 'widening' (spur rails that serviced the mill)," he said.

After 1920, a bank was built so close to the road that the trolley couldn't cross over as it originally had, Golden explained. That's when a



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Trolley power: This plant, which is now the Winery building in downtown Farmington, produced all the electricity necessary to power the interurban cars that ran in the Farmington area.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TUESDAY

Volunteers honored: The City of Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division will hold its annual volunteer recognition luncheon 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Costick Activities Center.

WEDNESDAY

A time of remembrance: Farmington High School's Letters Home concert at 7:30 p.m. will honor men and women who have served in time of conflict.

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Kenbrook student wins Hills PD poster contest

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Three young women were honored for their artistic skills this week as Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer handed out awards for the winners in the department's annual poster contest.

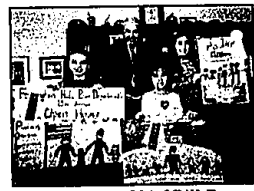
The contest invited children in the community to draw posters that highlight the annual Farmington Hills

Police Open House, happening this year from noon-4 p.m. May 5.

This year's first-place winner is Makayla McCoskey, a third-grader at Kenbrook Elementary.

The chief noted the posters were judged by three Arts Commission members and a representative of the police department.

Makayla's colorful artwork will be used on promotional materials for the open house, including 60 poster reprints and 3,000 fliers.



Poster artists: Chief Bill Dwyer with poster contest winners Makayla McCoskey, 1st place, Jacquelynn Drahuse, 2nd place and Anna Terebelo, 3rd place.

The second-place winner is Jacquelynn Drahuse, a first-grader at Kenbrook; third place is Anna Terebelo, a fifth-grader at Woodale Elementary.

Dwyer said there were more than 50 entries.

"We're very big in community policing," the chief said. "We have 49 community policing programs."

He added having children involved in the department is important.

"This way they can understand what we do," he said.

Makayla is a member of the department's Crime Prevention Kids Club and the chief noted the fine detail in her poster, where she drew items related to the program.



Detail work: Chief Bill Dwyer points out some of his favorite aspects of Makayla McCoskey's winning poster. The Kenbrook Elementary 3rd grader took first place in the contest.

The girls and their parents received pins and stuffed animals Wednesday at the department, where they were also treated to a tour. The girls will be officially honored at the open house. The top winner will receive \$150, the second, \$100 and the third, \$50, the chief said.

Hills dentist faces 12 new felony charges

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Despite being told not to contact his alleged victim, Donald Quinn continued to write letters and poems in her honor while sitting in a Philadelphia jail, authorities say.

The former dentist who had a thriving practice in Farmington Hills was charged with 12 additional felony

counts Friday. A former female patient claimed she was held captive and raped in his Hills apartment for a month.

Quinn was arraigned Friday in Farmington Hills 47th District Court on the new charges, which include eight counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, involving sexual penetration.

His bond was set at \$5 million cash surety by Judge Frederick Harris.

Quinn was extradited from a Philadelphia jail on Thursday, where he was held after authorities nabbed him for skipping a court hearing related to the case.

He appeared in court Friday with his long hair uncombed and wearing an untucked white shirt that it appeared he had slept in.

He told Judge Harris he was expecting attorney Lawrence Kaluzny to represent him at the arraignment, but

Kaluzny was not present.

"I was under the assumption my attorney would be here," Quinn told the judge.

The criminal sexual conduct charges are a 16-year felony. Quinn is also charged with two counts of delivery of a controlled substance, a seven-year felony; one count of a drug possession, a two-year felony; and one count of possession.

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